and other housing finance companies/organisations do not give loans to homeless pensioners for construction of houses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Among the institutions advancing loans for construction of houses, the institutions extending the facility to individuals are guided by the principle of repaying capacity and stable income throughout life. The facility is available to pensioners upto the age of sixty-five.

Subsidy to Shipyards

6987. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the subsidy being given to the shipyards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A proposal to enhance the ship building subsidy payable to public sector shipyards from the existing 30% of International Parity Price (IPP) to 40% of IPP is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen in Kerala

6988. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen in Kerala and the steps taken by the Government for their rehabilitation and welfare;

(b) whether any complaints from ex-servicemen regarding pension etc. have been received by the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETRULEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR)(a) to (c) As per the information received from the Government of Kerala, the approximate number of ex-Servicemen in Kerala is 3.5 lakhs.

There is a comprehensive package of resettlement and welfare measures for the ex-Servicemen. The Central Government has provided reservation for ex-Servicemen in Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts in the Central Government Departments as well as Public Sector Undertakings, including the Nationalised Banks. Defence Services personnel who have been disabled in war or in peace-time, and whose disability is attributable to military service, are accorded Priority-I, while upto two dependants of Defence Services personnel killed in service or severely disabled (with over 5% disability and who have become unfit for employment but disability is attributable to military service), whether during war or peace-time, are given priority immediately below the disabled ex-Servicemen, i.e. Priority-II (a). Besides, a number of schemes are in existence to provide self-employment opportunities to ex-Servicemen. These include the SEMFEX-I Scheme which provides financial assistance to ex-Servicemen for setting small industrial projects, the SEMFEX-II scheme to encourage ex-Servicemen to take up gainful farm and non-farm activities in rural areas; allotment

of Petroleum product agencies; allotment of Unit Trust of India agencies, etc. Ex-Servicemen are authorised free medical facilities in military hospitals and canteen facilities at the nearest CSD canteens. Children of Defence personnel killed or disabled in action are entitled to free educational facilities such as payment of fees, hostel charges, cost of uniform, etc. 75% concession in rail fare for travel in second class is given to war widows. Recipients of gallantry awards are given 50% concession for air and rail travel in second class. Financial assistance for construction of houses and marriage of daughter is given to war-widows, war disabled and attributable peace-time casualties by the State Government and the Kendriya Sainik Board. In addition, ex-Servicemen and their widows who are in penury are given financial assistance out of the welfare funds at the disposal of the Ministry of Defence and the Rajya Sainik Boars. Grants are also given for special medical treatment. The ex-Servicemen of Kerala are entitled to avail the benefit of all these schemes.

There is a special pension Grievances Cell in the Ministry of Defence to deal with the complaints of ex-Servicemen regarding pension and other related matters. Prompt action is taken by this Cell on the complaints received and a suitable reply is sent to the complainants. Our of the 29 complaints received in 1991 (upto August, 1991) from the ex-Servicemen/dependants of Kerala, 11 are regarding Family Pension, 16 in respect of Service Pension and 2 relate to Disability Pension. 9 complaints have been finally settled and 20 are in the process of resolution.

Setting up of Spinning Mill in Basti District of Uttar Pradesh

6989. SHRI SHYAM LAL KAMAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a spinning mill in Basti district of Uttar Pradesh: and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Tax Collection in Goa

6990. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of income tax, wealth tax, gift tax, separately, collected in Goa during 1989-90 & 1990-91; and

(b) the names of the top five payees of each of the above taxes in Goa alongwith the amount paid by each during the above years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) the amounts of income tax, wealth tax and gift tax collected in respect of Goa during 1989-90 & 1990-91 are given below:-

(*in lakhs of Rs.*)

	1990-91	*1989-90*
In come tax (incl. Corporation tax)	3949	3123